1 DOUGLAS H. KRAFT, ESQ. (State Bar No.155127) KEVIN G. HOWARD, ESQ. (State Bar No. 222221) KRAFT OPICH, LLP 2 7509 Madison Avenue, Suite 111 Citrus Heights, California 95610 3 Telephone: (916) 880-3040 4 Facsimile: (916) 880-3045 5 Attorneys for Creditor VALLEY BANK 6 7 8 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT 9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 SACRAMENTO DIVISION 11 In re: CASE NO. 13-30287 - A - 13J 12 RODNEY LAMBERT and CHANDRA DC No: SJS-001 GERMAINE LAMBERT. 13 Date: December 9, 2013 Debtors. Time: 1:30 p.m. 14 Dept: A - Court Room 28 501 I Street, 7th Floor 15 Sacramento, California Judge: Hon. Michael S. McManus 16 17 OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO CONFIRM FIRST AMENDED CHAPTER 13 PLAN 18 Creditor Valley Bank ("Bank"), hereby files its opposition (the "Opposition") to the 19 motion of debtors RODNEY LAMBERT and CHANDRA GERMAINE LAMBERT ("Debtors." 20 each a "Debtor") to confirm Debtors' First Amended Chapter 13 Plan ("Amended Plan"). This 21 Opposition is made pursuant to LBR 3015-1(d)(1) and LBR 9014-1(f)(1). 22 This Objection is based on the lack of feasibility of the Amended Plan and is supported 23 by the declaration of M. Scott Kleiman ("Kleiman Declaration"). The Bank consents to the 24 Court's resolution of disputed material factual issues pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 43(c) as made 25 applicable by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9017. 26 /// 27 28

SUMMARY OF FACTS

On August 2, 2013 ("Petition Date"), Debtors filed the current Voluntary Petition for relief under Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code as Case No. 13-30287 - A - 13J ("Chapter 13 Case").

The Bank has not yet filed a proof of claim in the Chapter 13 Case.

On September 27, 2013 the Bank filed a motion for relief from the automatic stay ("Relief From Stay Motion") seeking relief with respect to that certain real property located at 1071 Little River Dr. in Miami, FL, 33150 (the "Real Property") based on Debtors' lack of any equity in the Real Property and that the Real Property is not necessary to Debtors' successful reorganization because it does not generate any income. Debtors filed opposition to the Relief From Stay Motion. Debtors' opposition conceded the lack of equity in the Real Property and stated that Debtors would file a first amended chapter 13 plan which would provide for payment of the full pre-petition amount of Bank's claim.

On October 24, 2013, Debtors filed the Amended Plan with a supporting declaration ("Supporting Declaration"). The Amended Plan proposes to increase the monthly payment, after two payments of \$1,275.00, to \$2,576.00 for the remainder of the term of the plan.

At the hearing on the Relief From Stay Motion on October 28, 2013 Debtors argued that the Real Property was necessary to their reorganization because it would be used to increase the income generated by Debtors' used car business, primarily by using the Real Property to park and/or store up to twelve (12) used cars. The Court set a further evidentiary hearing date of November 25, 2013 to allow Debtors to submit evidence to the Court in support of their opposition to the Relief From Stay Motion. The Court also set related filing deadlines of November 11, 2013 for Debtors to file their supporting evidence, and of November 18, 2013 for Bank to file a response to any evidence filed by Debtors.

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OPPOSITION

The Amended Plan Is Not Feasible Under 11 U.S.C. 1325(a)(6).

Debtors declare under penalty of perjury in the Supporting Declaration that they anticipate increased monthly revenue of \$450.00 "[b]ased upon the use of the [Real Property]" [Supporting Declaration, ¶14]. The Supporting Declaration fails to provide any detail or additional information about what this "use" would be, fails to describe how the \$450.00 amount was determined, and further fails to provide any facts to allow a reasonable assessment of when the anticipated increased income will begin or whether it will continue for the term of the plan.

In addition, Debtors' proposed use of the Real Property to generate greater income for Debtors' used car business appears to be prohibited by existing zoning ordinances and regulations.

Specifically, the Real Property is zoned as "RU-1," which is a single-family residential district. See paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Kleiman Declaration and Exhibit 1 attached thereto.

Section 33-199 of the Miami-Dade County, Florida Code of Ordinances ("Miami-Dade County Ordinances"), applicable to the "RU-1, Single Family Residential District," enumerates in items 1 through 10 the permitted uses in a RU-1 District. No provision is made for the storage or parking of cars in connection with a used car business. *See* paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Kleiman Declaration and Exhibit 2 attached thereto.

The only reference to vehicles in Section 33-199 is in connection with the use of a business telephone in a residence. Section 33-199(4) permits the use of a business telephone in a residence "provided no truck, heavy equipment, or similar vehicle is kept on the property and no storage or any other business activity is carried on." *Id.* Debtors' intended plan to store or park up to twelve (12) cars at the Real Property appears to violate the permitted uses enumerated in Section 33-199 of the Miami-Dade County Ordinances.

Also, Section 33-19.1(b) of the Miami-Dade County Ordinances states "In residential districts no more than one (1) vehicle may be displayed for sale at any one (1) time on any one (1) premise and no more than two (2) vehicles may be displayed for sale at any one (1) premise

for any one (1) calendar year, and the display shall only be permitted at the current address of the registered owner of the vehicle offered for sale on the subject premises." See paragraph 6 of the Kleiman Declaration and Exhibit 3 attached thereto. Debtors' intended plan also appears to violate Section 33-19.1(b) of the Miami-Dade County Ordinances.

Further, Section 33-25.1(A) of the Miami-Dade County Ordinances states, in relevant part:

"A home office shall be permitted as an ancillary use to all lawful residential uses subject to the following limitations: ...

- 6. There shall be no display ... of any type of ... merchandise or other products on the premises. Storage of such items shall be confined to the home office area.
- 7. There shall be no change in the outside residential character of the building or premises as a result of the conduct of such home office use, or any visible evidence thereof."

See paragraph 7 of the Kleiman Declaration and Exhibit 4 attached thereto.

Debtors' plan to use the Real Property to increase the income generated by Debtors' used car business, primarily by using the Real Property to park and/or store up to twelve (12) used cars, appears to be prohibited by local zoning ordinances and regulations.

Debtors have failed to provide evidence that they will be able to make the higher payment of \$2,576.00 as proposed in the Amended Plan.

EFFECT OF RELIEF FROM STAY MOTION

Debtors failed to file evidence in support of their opposition to the Relief From Stay Motion. As such, Bank anticipates that its Relief From Stay Motion will be granted on November 25, 2013. If the Relief From Stay Motion is granted, Bank intends to take all actions necessary to complete its repossession, sale and/or collection on the Real Property, and pursue all remedies available to it under state law to obtain possession of and sell the Real Property.

Upon completion of such repossession, sale, and/or collection on the Real Property by Bank, any claim Bank may have in the Bankruptcy Case will be satisfied.

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CONCLUSION WHEREFORE, Bank prays that the Court enter an order denying Debtors' motion to confirm the Amended Plan. Dated: November 25, 2013 KRAFT OPICH, LLP /s/ Kevin G. Howard KEVIN G. HOWARD, ESQ. Attorneys for Valley Bank